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Traffic Fatality #15

Case: 09-0950329

Date: Sunday, April 05, 2009

Time: 1:47 a.m.

Location: 4200 block East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Deceased: 36-year-old, black male

Arrested: Hernandez-Rodriguez, Mario (DOB 05/19/87)

Narrative:

On Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 1:47 a.m. the Austin Police Department responded to a crash in the 4200 block of East Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Through the investigation it was determined that a black Mercedes and a group of six motorcycles had been traveling eastbound on MLK Blvd. A silver Chevrolet pickup had been traveling westbound on MLK Blvd. at the same time. For unknown reasons the Chevrolet crossed the double yellow line and collided with the Mercedes. The Chevrolet continued westbound in the eastbound lanes of MLK Blvd. and struck two of the motorcycles. A driver of one of the motorcycles, a 36 year old black male, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger on that motorcycle, a 30 year old black female, as well as the driver of the second motorcycle, a 42 year old black male, were both transported to University Medical Center Brackenridge with critical injuries.

The driver of the Chevrolet initially fled the scene on foot but was captured by Austin Police Officers and an Austin Police K-9. He was identified as Mario Hernandez-Rodriguez. As a result of field sobriety tests, Hernandez-Rodriguez will be charged with Intoxication Manslaughter and Failure to Stop and Render Aid. He is currently in the Travis County Jail.



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This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide detectives. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 974-8266.

The identities of the victim's are not being released pending notification of family. This is the 15th traffic fatality of 2009.

Media: A booking photo is not available at this time.

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